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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following inventions:

I: Claims 25-29, drawn to a method for transferring semiconductor wafers, classified in class 451, subclass 41.

II: Claims 20, 30, and 31, drawn to a wafer handling system, classified in class 901, subclass 14.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect invention I, claims 25-29, without traverse, for further examination.

Applicants have timely filed this response which is due April 30, 2004. If any extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-2814.** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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